



Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A device for examining filled containers for foreign bodies, the device comprising:

a transport apparatus for transporting the containers individually in succession in a row on a plane of transport wherein the plane of transport is substantially horizontal and is defined by a top of the transport apparatus;

at least one a first X-ray source for emitting an X-ray, wherein the first X-ray source is arranged above the plane of transport and emits X-rays downward towards the plane of transport in a first predetermined direction, wherein the first predetermined direction is inclined by between approximately 10° and approximately 60° to the plane of transport;

a second X-ray source for emitting an X-ray, wherein the second X-ray source is arranged below the plane of transport and emits X-rays upward towards the plane of transport in a second predetermined direction, wherein the second predetermined direction is inclined by between approximately 10° and approximately 60° to the plane of transport; and

at least one apparatus for recording the X-rays after they have passed through the containers.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The device of claim [[2]] 1, wherein:

the at least one apparatus for recording the X-rays after their passage through the containers is a member of a plurality of apparatuses for recording the X-rays;

one of the plurality of apparatuses is allocated to each X-ray source; and

the X-rays recorded by the recording apparatuses are compared with one another in an evaluation apparatus.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The device of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the rays of the first and second X-ray sources fall onto, respectively, first and second areas of the apparatus for recording the X-rays.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the apparatus for recording the X-rays is an X-ray image converter with a downstream digital camera.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The device of claim 1, wherein at least one ray source selected from the group consisting of the first X-ray source and the second X-ray source ~~the at least one X-ray source~~ is positioned such that a ray course is approximately tangential to a maximum slope of a bulge of a bottom of the container.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A method of examining filled containers for foreign bodies, the method comprising:

transporting a plurality of ~~at least one~~ filled containers individually in succession in a row on a substantially horizontal plane of transport;

passing a first container of the plurality of ~~the~~ containers through X-rays generated by a first X-ray source positioned above the plane of transport and a second X-ray source positioned below the plane of transport, wherein the X-rays have ~~having~~ a first predetermined direction from the first X-ray source and a second predetermined direction from the second X-ray source, wherein the first predetermined direction of the X-rays is inclined by an angle to the plane of transport, the angle measuring approximately between 10° to 60° and the second predetermined direction of the X-rays is inclined by an angle to the plane of transport, the angle measuring approximately between 10° to 60°; and

recording the X-rays after they pass through the first ~~container.~~

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein:

~~the X-rays are generated by at least one X-ray source; and~~

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~~the at least one~~ a ray source selected from the group consisting of the first X-ray source and the second X-ray source is positioned such that a ray course is approximately tangential to a maximum slope of a bulge of a bottom of the first container.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of recording the X-rays after they pass through the first container is performed by an X-ray image converter and a digital camera.